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Art Unit 2625

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/821,044; Filed: March 30, 2001
For: **Fingerprint Scanner Auto-Capture System and Method**
Inventor: David C. SMITH
Our Ref: 1823.0330001

Sir:

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity
Fee (\$) Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

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